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THE CITY OF BERLIN COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

The Emergency Management Director of the City of Berlin will meet with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions and other team members from Berlin to continue work on the required five-year update to the **2016 Berlin Hazard Mitigation Plan**. As a result of this meeting, Mapping and Planning Solutions is conducting a series of meetings on the Hazard Mitigation Plan over the next few months.

Through this series of public meetings, the planning team will address issues such as flooding, hurricanes, drought, landslides, and wildfires and determine efforts the city can undertake to mitigate the effects of both natural and human-caused hazards. The team will also examine potential shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites.

By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities are required to complete a local Hazard Mitigation Plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration funding should a natural disaster occur. The planning processes are made possible by grants from FEMA.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is currently being formed. Berlin citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The second meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 12, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** via "Zoom". The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. All interested parties should contact Fire Chief & EMD, James Watkins, by email, jwatkins@berlinnh.gov if they wish to be included in the process; you will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list.

More information on the hazard mitigation planning process is available from June Garneau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com.